(b) whether it is a fact that Government did not organize or encourage medical camps for beedi workers in 2005-06 in Guntur, Krishna and West Godawari districts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to increase the attention for beedi workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Labour Welfare Organisation does not have any dispensary in Guntur and Krishna districts. However, 13 medical camps were organized at Eluru in West Godavari District during 2005-06.

(d) Pamphlets depicting various welfare schemes are being distributed to beedi workers' unions/beedi establishments/contractors etc., for generating awareness among beedi workers.

Unemployed youths in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

989. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unemployed youths in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, district-wise as on 31st December, 2006;

(b) whether Government have formulated any employment policy in this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of job seekers (in the age group of 15-29) registered with employment exchanges, all of whom may not be necessarily employed, in respect of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh as on 31.12.2004 were 230.0 and 612.8 thousands respectively. District-wise figures are not maintained.

(b) and (c) The generation of employment was viewed as a part of the process of development and not as a conflict with, or to be pursued

independently of economic development. Planning process, therefore, made no attempt to have an independent employment policy.

Implementation of NREGA in States

990. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing NREGA in all the States.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of implementation of NREGA, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) NREGA has been lunched in 200 identified districts in the country, spread over all the States except the State of Goa.

(d) A Statement indicating State-wise status of implementation of NREGA is given below:

Statement

State-wise status of implementation of NREGA

(Rs. in lakh)

States	Release (2005-06)	Release (2006-07) Upto Feb.2007	Expenditure (2006-07) Upto Jan.2007	Mandays Employment Generated (2006-07) Upto Jan.2007	Households Upto January, 2007	
					Employ-ment Demanded	Employ-ment Provided
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	16474.81	91461.46	46542.63	503.32	1788112	1788112
Arunachal Pradesh	446.31	1211.85	221.34	4.53	16926	16926
Assam	33650.13	13970.85	32130.55	295.87	500433	446981
Bihar	30806.3	41581.38	45176.18	297.24	893728	886916
Chhattisgarh	785	55716.74	44074.37	467.9	1122846	1045279